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DIARY NOTES

DD/S 

11 March 1964

1. I talked to Larry Houston about the following:

a. We discussed [redacted] request for travel expenses for his son. I told Larry that I thought [redacted] memorandum was misleading in two respects: (1) as I understand it, no medical justification for the trip was ever suggested, and (2) the mention of sixty to ninety days was misleading because the boy departed the United States on 30 June 1963 and returned on 13 July 1963. I said that normally I would be interested in trying to find some way to pay this claim; but inasmuch as I had declined to approve it prior to the trip and my advice had been disregarded, I did not feel that I could give my approval now, nor could I permit the Office of Finance to pay the claim without approval from higher authority.

b. I also discussed with Larry the legality and the propriety of assigning personnel to the [redacted] even though they lived and worked [redacted]. He explained that he did not consider this illegal but described it as extralegal. He explained that he just was not sure what kind of ruling the Comptroller General would make in this case and that he would prefer not to be asked for a legal opinion. He had no objection whatever to continuing the arrangement which was approved by General Smith in 1952. Accordingly, I signed the memorandum from the WH Division approving continuation of this arrangement (see DD/S 64-1392).

2. I met with [redacted] and requested that within one week they come up with a short three- or four-hour course for all supervisors.

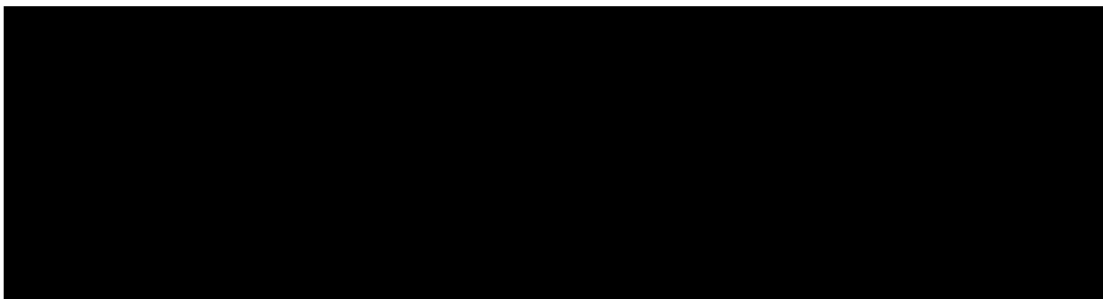
3. Jim Garrison talked to me about making a trip to [redacted] and [redacted]. I told him that this was all right with me and that I would let him know when I planned to be in [redacted] since he would like to be there at the same time.

4. Mr. Kirkpatrick requested that:

a. I provide him with a report on [redacted] entitlements, assuming that he (1) retires now or (2) one year from now. (This has been done.)

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5. I talked to Mr. Kirkpatrick about a secretary for the Educational Aid Fund. He thought that, while not mandatory, it would be desirable to have this secretary serve also as secretary to the Training Selection Board. I therefore asked Emmett Echols to attempt to agree with Matt Baird on someone, whether it be [REDACTED] or someone else, so that the name can be proposed to Kirk.

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6. I reported to [REDACTED] that we were giving the field an opportunity to express their opinions before disposing of the Chryslers [REDACTED]. He said that this was perfectly understandable and satisfactory.

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7. Larry Houston was in to express some concern about the [REDACTED] inasmuch as it had not been officially reported to the General Counsel and Ben [REDACTED] attitude seemed to be that it was really none of the General Counsel's business. I telephoned Emmett Echols and, without revealing that Larry had discussed this case with me, asked him to prepare a memorandum immediately to report this apparent forgery to the General Counsel, Inspector General, and anyone else as required by Agency regulations.

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